(d) In view of the need to exercise economy on expenditure, all Heads of Missions and Posts who attended the orientation programme on March 30-April 10, 1992 were instructed to adjust the expenditure on this account within their Mission/Post's sanctioned budget grant. The details of the expenditure incurred are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Our Heads of Missions and Posts are being kept regularly briefed of changes and developments in our economic policies. However, it was felt that these needed to be supplemented by direct interaction between our Heads of Missions and Posts who are required to interpret and promote these policies to foreign audiences and those who are formulating and implementing these policies in the country.

Reaction of Government of India *to* Developments in Afghanistan

*94. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the impact of recent happenings in Afghanistan on India's interests; and

(b) what is India's attitude in respect of these events and developments in that country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No basic or long term impact on Indo-Afghan relations is envisaged. Our traditionally close relations with neighbouring Afghanistan transcend governmental changes that might take place in either country.

(b) While the events occasioned concern at the possibility of further violence and bloodshed and growth of ethnic tensions in Afghanistan, recent developments also raise the prospect of peace and restoration of normalcy in that country. Government wish the new Afghan authorities, whom we have acknowledged as the interim Government of Afghanistan, success in their tasks ahead and look forward to a continuous and fruitful dialogue with them for further strengthening of our bilateral relations.

Defaulting in Repayment of Loan by N.T.C.

*95. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1775 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the N.T.C. has been a defaulter in regard to the lepayment of loans and interests to the Govern ment to the tune of more than Rs. 1,100 crores;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether repayment is now being made or further defaulting is going on;

(c) what is the budgetary support proposed to N.T.C. during the coming year and what was the same during the last three years:

(d) whether the number of perennially loss making N.T.C. units has gone up; and

(ej if so, what is the number and its percentage to the total number of units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) NTC had to default in repayment of principal portion of the loan given to them.

(b) NTC Mills are continuously making losses on account of obsolete machinery, low productivity etc. and as such, there is no internal generation of resources for repayment of loans.

(c) For the year 1992-93, the budgetary support to NTC is of the order of Rs. 107.30 crores. The details of budgetary